

Senate Resolution 108 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

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1 A Resolution recognizing National Agriculture Week.

2 WHEREAS, Iowa has 84,900 farms accounting for 30.5
3 million acres of land dedicated to farming with more
4 than 95 percent of Iowa farms owned by families; and

5 WHEREAS, Iowa consistently ranks first nationally
6 in the production of corn, hogs, and eggs; first or
7 second nationally in the production of soybeans; fourth
8 nationally in the number of cattle and calves fed;
9 seventh nationally in turkey production; and twelfth
10 nationally in milk production; and

11 WHEREAS, Iowa consistently ranks first in the
12 production of ethanol and biodiesel fuel; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2020, Iowa generated \$26.2 billion in
14 agricultural cash receipts; and

15 WHEREAS, March 21 through March 27 is National
16 Agriculture Week, dedicated to increasing the public
17 awareness of agriculture's vital role in our society
18 and recognizing this nation's unique role in producing
19 food, fiber, and fuel for the world; and

20 WHEREAS, this year's National Agriculture Week
21 includes National Agriculture Day commemorated on March
22 22, with the first such occasion celebrated 49 years
23 ago, when persons gathered to nationally recognize this
24 country's unique mission to provide the world with the
25 necessities of life; and

26 WHEREAS, this year's National Agriculture Week
27 includes a Celebration of Modern Agriculture on the
28 National Mall in Washington, D.C., hosting a wide

1 range of events in tribute to American agriculture and
2 honoring its farmers and ranchers; and

3 WHEREAS, this year's National Agriculture Week is
4 an opportunity to encourage persons to understand how
5 food, fuel, fiber, and pharmaceuticals are produced,
6 to appreciate the function of farmers and ranchers in
7 producing abundant and affordable supplies of food,
8 fuel, fiber, and pharmaceuticals, to acknowledge the
9 essential role of agriculture in maintaining a vibrant
10 economy, and to allow the next generation to consider
11 career opportunities in agriculture; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
13 recognizes March 21 through March 27 as National
14 Agriculture Week, and encourages all Iowans as
15 residents of one of the leading agricultural states in
16 the nation to commemorate and celebrate the invaluable
17 contributions made by this nation's farmers and
18 ranchers and especially Iowa farmers; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
20 resolution be sent to the Agriculture Council of
21 America.